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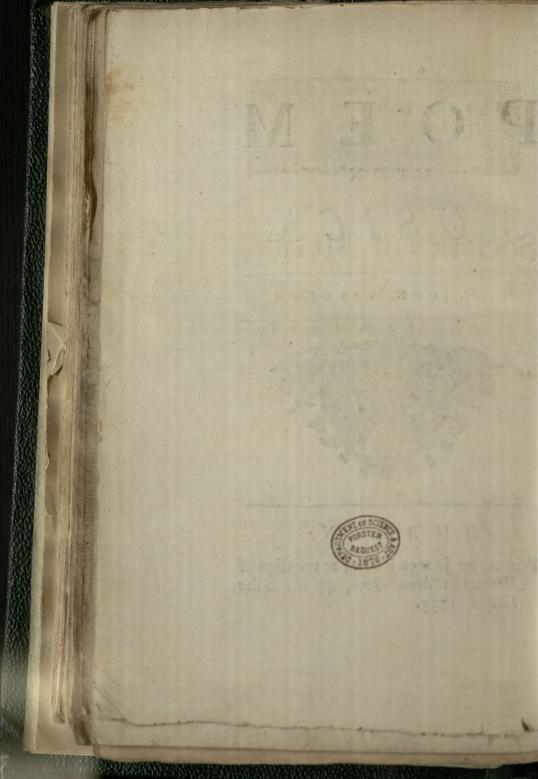
## MUSICK.

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To the HONOURABLE and ingenious

### Societies of Musick,

Held at

St. CECILIA'S HALL,

In Crow- freet, and Dame's - freet.

Επ) πάντων των πραγμάτων το τίλος έπισκεπτιον. Αrtift, Ethic, Lib, 1. Cap, 1.

Gentlemen,

ly fo much admir'd, and practis'd in this Kingdom, lay by neglected, and unregarded, for A 2 many

many Years past, partly repres'd by Domestick Feuds, and common Convulsions in the State; partly over-look'd by Men of some Knowledge in that Celestial Science, thro' an inactivity of Spirit, and principally smother'd, for want

of due Encouragement.

HENCE it came to pass, that St. CECILI A's Name was so long buried in gloomy Oblivion; (in which State, for ought I know, it might continue Myriads of Ages, in this Nation, had it not been reviv'd by your generous Endeavours, and yearly honour'd with so much Expence, and religious Pomp, a Type of the Heavenly Concerts and Musical Pageantries; wherewith she is celebrated in Heaven) Then the Italians, who were always before inferior to

the Irish in Musick, took an Advantage of their Lethargy, and advanc'd that most sublime Science to great Perfection with uninterrupted Care, and industrious Activity; but, O welcome Revolution! St. Cecilia is now distinguish'd with the Celestial Breath of pompous Musick, and re-instated by your liberal Bounty on her Irish Throne, where her Prerogatives and Encomiums, are annually afferted, and stated, by a learned \* Divine. So that, Gentlemen, we have just Reason to expect, so greatly ye encourage, and promote Mufick, that the Irish will soon recover their Character of being the most able Musicians in the World, and that the Italians will shortly acknowledge

<sup>\*</sup> Doctor Sheridan, Preacher to the Society.

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knowledge their Dependance in

Musick on the Irish Harp.

To be particular, Gentlemen, I only diminish your Praises, by endeavouring to set them forth, and therefore, requesting your Patronages in lieu of my good Intention to celebrate Musick, and ye, the Honourable Promoters of it. I subscribe my self with all possible Zeal, and ardent Affection,

Gentlemen,

Your Devoted

Humble Servant,

John Waldron.



### THE

## PREFACE.

Gentle Reader,

IT has been wonder'd in England, and other parts of the learned World, why Ireland did not afford a greater growth of POETS, than it has done these many Years past; to clear which Doubt, I shall use the following Reasons: Our Nobility and Gentry in this Kingdom, having considerable Fortunes to depend upon, generally sacrifice their Youth, and all the rest of their Days, to inordinate Pleasures, by which means it comes to past, that they have a more result Taste in Horses, Cocks, or some other weighty Diversion of that kind, than in Poetry, they fill up the whole circle of their Time in material Pleasures, whilst the Mind lies by wild and neglected: To this gross, and NOBLE Ignorance, wemay chiefly as with the discouragement of Poetry in this Kingdom. For Peers and Gentlemen, who have no Relish for Poetry, will rarely patronize it.

These NOBLE, and ignerant Personages, evou'd be more oblig'd to a POET for bringing them a good POINTER, than an immortal POEM: Such is their degenerate, and pall'd Tasse!

#### The PREFACE.

The fecond and last Reason, I shall here assign for the slow growth of Poetry in this Kingdom, may take its Rife from a fertile Grop of Poetasters, wherewith this Land so teemingly abounds, half-writed Cox-Combs, half form'd like the Insects of the River Nile, who, conscious of their own Imperfections, wou'd feign bring into their sligmatic'd Herd, the Species of superiour Poets! Happy in spite of Malice, are those Bards, who have noble, learned and bountiful Personages for their Patrons! Such were always the Dukes of Dorset, Buckingham, &c. But, to return to my Purpose, Courteous Reader, Iherepresent you with the Primitie of my Writings, which I hope, will yield you Pleasure, and Prosit, worthy the Trouble, you'll take in reading so small a Work. Farewell.



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HEN bright Aurora shone with ruddy hue, And plains were spangled with the filmy

Beneath a spreading Beech supine I lay, The whistling Thrush beholding on a Spray,

Tuning her filver Notes, and as she spoke, Echoes repeated from the knotty Oak,

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Where in the Morn she pitch'd her waving stand, And fill'd with Quavers the adjacent Land, Quavers, inspir'd by Nature's pow'rful Hand; Wrapt in surprize, the Musick I admir'd, Wildly harmonious, which at last expir'd In melting Notes, engaging as the Strains Of dying Swans npon Cayster-plains: Nor did the Thrush her whistling Lays renew, She stretch'd her Pinions, and away she slew, Swifter than bearded Darts, the Cretans sling With art from Bows of Horn, and twanging String.

A shifting Dye invades my fickle Face, My floating Colour knew no constant grace, (Ye Gods! be witness) when sublime in Air I faw the Thrush, the object of my Care, Infulting Winds, and Hitting theo' the Sky, Apparent only to my reaching Eye: For Mufick fooths the rifted Rocks, and Trees, And, fure, Men are more fenfible than thefe. But, as I lay perplex'd in gloomy thought, With Sorrow big, and with Reflection fraught, The warbling Lark I heard upon the Ground (His Face erect, as if to Heaven bound, To crave some Boon from the Almighty Jove, Or to divert him for fome time above) His swimming Notes to vaulted Heav'n convey, And to that gleaming Orb, from whence refults the Day. Transported with the Magick of his Tongue, Phebus infpir'd, and thus the Poet fung :

"Thou art the fweetest of the feather'd Choir,
"The living Spring of Musical desire,

" Apollo's Harbinger on Earth below,

" From whose melodious Throat such Accents flow,

" Accents ! more foft than Philomel can fing,

" When the glads Mortals, and fatures the Spring.

I faid, the Lark wing'd on his airy Road, To pay his Homage to the thund'ring God; For him the Welkin furl'd it's fable Shrouds, And then the Sylphradvanc'd him past the Clouds:

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When, lo! (alas! what will not Envy do? Envy, the Shadow, that does the Wife purfue, Tho' it but proves the Substance to be true) The ravinous Eagle meditates her Prey, Refolv'd to kill the Herald of the Day. The active quarry leaps upon her Back; For Malice is difarm'd by fuch a knack, The Sylphs in Numbers throng d to fee the Sight, And Jove made hafte, array'd in glowing Light; The Gods promifeuous ran with ardent course, Their Faces glaring by immortal Force : Down to the charming Larletheir way they prefs'd, And with Netturean kiffes him carefs'd; (In figur'd Arras all were loofely drefs'd) For Mufick foftens ev'n th' immortal Gods, That live complacent in supreme abodes.

An easy simper rill'd from sacred Jove,
A simper, full of condescending Love,
To see the charming Lark the Gods engage,
And the proud Eagle bassled in her Rage:
At last the God thus op'd his fragrant Mouth
In Words, that pierc'd the East and distant South,
Which Mortals heard in accents, much more plain,
Than Tars her Trumpets on the silent Main.
The found arriv'd at th' Amaranthine Bow'rs,
Where husht Elysium shews enamely'd Flow'rs,
And at the distant Meads of Asphodel,
Where after Death the valiant Heroes dwell,
And, O Proservine, at thy gloomy glades,
Where Death is blacken'd in more pitchy Shades.

"O first of Birds, which usher in the Light, 
"And with thy Voice discard the fable Night, 
"Be it thy Place to tell the dawning Morn, 
"When first it shall the blushing Skies adorn,

" And to deferve the bleffing of the Swains,
" That feed their fleecy Flocks in rural Plains.

"To rowfe the drowfy Peafant to his Plow, And fing the early Time he ought to fow,

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When drizzling Dews in filver order stand, " And, rang'd in files, bedeck the willing Land. " Next be thy Care to penetrate the Air,

" And all the Gods with mellow Mufick chear, " Hymning great Jove with thy delightful Sounds; " Th' affwaging balm of all my bleeding Wounds,

" Bleeding with mortal Love, that raging peft, " Of all the feather'd kind you cure the best. " Musick, like yours, allays the greatest grief,

"Musick, like yours, gives Jove himself relief; What have I said? Relief? it cures me o'er, " When once you fing, I feel no loving fore)

" This done, with speed skim down the liquid way.

" And fray with Mortals' till th' enfuing day.

But, Plund'rer, know from Jove your fatal Doom, Which you must bear for rolling Years to come;

" Fork'd peals of Thunder must in Eddies whirl, " That thy fierce Claws on Mortals down must hurl, " For thy bent Rage against that charming Bird,

"Whose Voice the Gods, and Jove, with pleasure heard.

"Tis hard to tell your Species what to call, " The Motly thing is so equivocal.

"Tho' for the King of Birds you falfly pass, (As flupid Mule is neither Horse, nor Ass)

"The feather'd Form you own, and nought befide,

" To bloody Giants the rest of you's allied, " Monsters, that try'd with unsuccessful pain

" To scale the Stars, and seize th' Æthereal reign. 46 As fapless Eunuchs, void of Manly pow'rs, Envy the Pleasure of two clasping lov'rs,

"Thus you abhor'd the Lark's fweet-noted Lays, s' And strove to skreenthem from deserving praise,

" From heav'nly Judgment, and eternal Bays, " Because Apollo did not tune your Voice,

" But Nature made you coarse, and Phebus gave you noise. 4 Yet, Tyrant, know that Wings of noted Fame

"In foreign Climes shall plant the Lark's great Name

We By first Direction of the thund'ring God,

" And I confirm it by my awful Nod;

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"For heav'nly Breafts with Musick's charms are pleas'd,
Their Minds are temper'd, and their Hearts are rais'd.

Hefaid, and aw'd by his commanding lore,
Th' Eagle affail'd the finging Lark no more,
Nor dar'd the Taffel to obstruct his way;
His former Foes dismiss'd the favour'd prey.
This done, the God his way to Heaven swept,
Into the DOME supreme he active leapt,
Where thousand Columns propt his Diamond-Throne,
With Capitals, and Freezes, that out-shone
The brilliant Rubies, or the Beryl-stone.
But, toleave Jove in Heav'n, that blessed Seat,
Where Gods Celestial live in bliss compleat,
I'll drop the Musick of the feather'd kind,
And trace th' enlivining Musick of Mankind.

Ingenious Ampbion struck his golden Lyre,
His Lyre, inspir'd by Jove, and Phebus sire,
And sung,—— "Ye Ash, and never-dying Oaks,
"Ye Firs stupendous, and unweildy Rocks,
"Ye Winds, that o'er Citheren rudely blow,
"And make Asopian Waves with Anger slow,
"A while give ear, whist I my Lyre shall string,
"And make my Musick thro' the Concave ring.
The things inanimate obey'd his Will,
The dimpled Waves, as motionless stood still;
The rustling North-wind stopt his noisy sound,
And down-bent Trees hung list'ning on the Ground:
His vocal Notes his inward thoughts express'd,
And thus the mute Creation they address'd.

"Foremention'd Beings, that on Citheron grow,

"This is my Will, and this I'd have ye know, "My Mind inclines to build the City Thebes,

" With pow'r of Musick on Bestian glebes,
" Regardless of the fulsom Aid of Man,

"Propense to av'rice, since Mankind began;
At call of Musick then your Fibres tear,

" At call of Mufick draw united near,

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With from Advances, and uncommon Glee: This is the magick found! y'are all fet free.

Shall I keep buried in the Womb of Night The Landskip strange, that might the World affright ? Or vent it to the Light of trembling Day, And Sol, that does o'er Earth his Beams display? The tufted Trees in hafte ran justling down The shelving Precipice, to rib the Town, Projected by the Bard of fam'd renown, The craggy Cliffs, enliv'n'd by Mufick's found, With massy Force, tear up their native Ground, And fpringing quickness thro' Alopus bound; The watry God divides his azure mound, And all his Waves in Chrystal Volumes bound : "Till all the Bodies mov'd to t'other fide, The Water flept, and Waves forgot to glide. The Trees, and Rocks, when they at Thebes arriv'd, By pow'r of Mulick into Forms were riv'd, And built the stately City, we call Thebes, With airy Steeples on Beotian Glebes; For Musick soften'd their obdurate Veins, Like Chymick Art, upon Beotian Plains.

O tuueful Orpheus! facred is thy Name! The length of Time effaces not thy Fame, Who ftrug your hollow Lyre fo wond'rous well, That you reclaim'd the fullen Tribe of Hell; The Bard descended to the dreary Coast, Where Stygian Waves their nine Meanders boaft, To feek Eurydice, his long lost Wife, And rear her to the sprightly Land of Life: There he beheld, oh horrid Scene ! the Ghofts, Partly transfix'd with Nails, and ty'd to Posts, Whilst down-look'd Demons made their Loins to feel Dire whips of Scorpion, and eternal Steel ! Envenom'd Serpents others brac'd with Spires, And histing blasted them with liquid Fires; Hot bars of Iron thrill'd thro' Criticks Tongues, And melted Lead ffream'd down their baleful Lungs,

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With lazy Current, tho' diffusive Flood. Cankering all their Mass of fever'd Blood: Three - headed CERB'RUS, with his noifom

Foam

Effenc'd the Beaux of Pluto's footy Dome, And powder'd them with the fulphureous Gleams, From Entrails torn of Phlegethonian Flames. Lxion whirr'd about a turning Wheel, Pointed with Lances of Infernal Steel: Eolian Sifypbus with screaming Moan Roll'd up a Mountain a stupendous Stone, Which on the Summit was no fooner plac'd, But down again the weary Bowler chas'd. Aftonish'd Orphens law these Scenes of Wo,

Tormented Spectres in the Shades below; But, when with piercing Eyes he cou'd not find The brightest Mirrour of the Female kind,

Hark ! the Bard sweeps his founding Lyre

And, fee ! the tortur'd G H O S T S forget their Smart:

Respiring Forms with flying Steps advance, And breathing Mulick made the Furies dance. Drowfy Proferpine left her Iron-bed, Numbers reviv'd, that many Years were dead, And lift ning CERB' RUS flop'd his triple Head; Uncurling Snakes their Trigtiphs Jeft with speed, Follow'd by Millions of th' Infernal Breed : Pluto, well pleas'd, extends his knitted Brows, And to the playing Bard fibmillive bows,

" O Majesty of Hell, benign draw near, " And to affur five Mufick bend your Ear,

" Proving propitious to the Poet's Pray'r :
" For once you felt flern C U P I D's feather Dart

" Bewilder'd in the Chancel of your Heart, " Oh! pity then a bleeding Husband's Cafe! " Oh! take the Husband or the Lover cafe!

" Restore

Reftore Eurydice once more to Life,

Eurydice the Fair, once Orpheus's blooming Wife!
"The Thracian Snow, untouch'd by Phabus's Ray,

" With sympathizing Grief dissolv'd away,

To hear me fill the Earth, the Sea the Skies,

With hollow Groans, and boarfe-refounding Cries,
And Tides of Tears rush from my floating
Eyes;

" Rough Rocks expanded Adamantine Veins,
" And flow'd in Rivers to the thirsty Plains,

To see me weep my Wife in mournful Strains:

"The Winds were husht, and Savages unfed Heard with Concern the Praises of the Dead.

"Then, furely, Pluto, fway'd by Mufick's Charms,

" Will yield Eurydice to Orpheus's Arms.

The Stygian God, prevail'd by Orpheus's Pray'r, Infpir'd with Life the M A N E s of the F A I R, And her reftor'd, with lavish Beauty gay, To the bright Region of the Brilliant Day; For Musick stole upon his briguing Soul, Nor cou'd the Hellish God it's Pow'r controul.

In remote Calabria, as Kircher tells,'
The Tarantule, a pois'nous Spider, dwells,
Which bites to Madness, and wide laughter, those,
Whom he pokes into with his foreign Nose;
The bitten Persons seek the barren Beach,
Where curling Waves with broken courage reach,
And lash with dying might the Place around,
Bellowing Murmurs in a hollow found,
Or Apine Reels, where tow'ring Rocks aspire
To prop the Sky, and dash th' Æthereal Fire:
Musick pursues with never-failing pow're
The francick Wretches to their distant Tour,
Where solemn Lays their malady unfold,
Discard their Madness, and their Sense uphold.

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When Holy DAVID ftrang his golden Lyre, And touch'd with facred Skill each yielding Wire; Behold! the Devil leaves the Frame of Saul, Compell'd by Force of Heav'nly Mufick's call; The drafty Fiend, deferring his Abode, With downward Pinions cuts the hellish Road, And in an Instant makes the Stygian shore, Where hazy Waves in swelling Surges roar: After a Pause in Hell, he thus began, Whose bleak Address in hellish Language ran.

" O Lucifer, thou awful God of Hell,

Who Heav'n forfook by fcorning to do well,
On Earth immur'd in humane Frame I lay,

"To mask me from the Rays of baleful Day,
"And steer the tott'ring Heart of graceles Saul,

" Immers'd in that Infernal, pleafing Stall; But Royal David ply'd his hollow Lyre,

" And pow'r of Musick made me thence retire,

"Mufick! whose Charms disloge th' Infernal Fiends,
"And make the Foes of God, and Man, it's Friends.
With planted Steps the whisker'd Demon speke,
Distracted rancour brooding on his look;
To whom the Sov'reign of the Stygian Moors,

" Each ingulpht God with fullen Grief deplores
" The growth of Mulick in the Realms above,

"A straight Avenue to the Tyrant's Love, I mean Yebovab, and his Man-like Son,

Who fav'd the Earth, and has our World undone,

44 And the Majesty of the Holy Ghost, 46 By whose infusion all our Virtue's lost.

" By Hell's Meanders I, the Stygian King, Exult with ire when Ha-le-lu-sahs ring,

" Which Canticleers in mimick accents fing:
" But, pungent Sorrow! tho in Hell I burn,

"I lov'd that Musick, which in vain I spurn;

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" For Musick-charms derive their early Birth " From the tremendous God of Heav'n, and Earth:

" Musick therefore will dwell on Earth below,

" To hymn Jehovah, Hell's immortal Foe,

" 'Till Hills descend, and Billows cease to flow, " Sage David's Lyre be known to distant Times,

"And prove the pleafing Theme of future Rhymes:





To the Revd. and most ingenious

## Dr. J----T,

D----n of St. P----s.

Semper honos, Nomenque tuum, laudeque WIRG.

TO thee learn'd Dean, I dedicate these Lines, Wherein the Lilliputian Wisdom Shines, In which I strove, with humble Art to trace The little Wisdom of the little Race.

Ogreat Apollo of our Northern Isle.

Deign on my Works, my little Works to smile As upon Egypt, slows the teeming Nile.

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### Dedication.

When Ireland fear'd a Deluge once from WOOD, You flood it's ardent Friend and Patriot - God, And flopt the Wooden Tide, compos'd of Flesh and Blood, With Patriarch-pen, and holy Rage infpir'd, With Pity mov'd, and weeping Mortals fir'd. (Oh strange! that WOOD shou'd have a liquid Pow'r; Oh ftrange! that WOOD shou'd flow in crimson Gore, ] In doing good you always took delight, And fwam against the Tide in Malice's spite. So the flout Dolphin swam against the Tide With strength refistless, and majestick Pride, Whilst he with springing quickness Arion bore, Arion the Lyrick, to the diffant Shore, Therefore to me your kind Protection lend And prove the little Bard's undoubted Friend, Who strives to fing in Lilliputian Note, The humble Praises of th' Llan Parties

John Waldron.

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## Hoop - Peticoat,

IN

## LILLIPUTIAN Verse.

Written by Mr. John Waldron, in immitation of D—n S—t.

Inest sua gratia parvis. VIRG.

M Y Muse, Insuse Your Rhymes By times, Till I Descry What Cause Made Laws Al ow (O Wo) The Hoop To coop

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The Fair, My Care, Within Its gin. An Ifle, Where smile The Sex, Men vex, Contain'd. Or feign'd, Some Queans, That Swains Carefs'd, And pres'd, Till Womb Gave room Defil'd To Child. The Law This faw, And found The found Went round The Globe, And lobe Of Sky Moft high. Some then, Wife men ! Made Act Compact, That Tars, By Stars Led forth To North, Greenland Of hand Shou'd feek That Week, And fearch The Arch.

Of Sea Night, Day, For Whale, (No fail) T'impale The Bafe Of Race Female From Male. This Law Found Awe, And Tars, All Fears Afide, Did ride In Oak, All Shook, With Wind Unkind, To Lees, Where freeze Greenland's Cold Sands. Months paft, At last They reach Bleak Beach Of Clime Sublime, Where Snow Winds blow, Whofe Flakes Hide lakes, And Ice, Surprize! Remains In Chains Half Year, Or near. Tars went, Full bent,

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To Shore, To Store, Wild Boar, And hare, That rear, White hair; Fat hinds With Brinds Wild Fawns In lawns, Plump Teal, Large Quail, Stock Doves, Heath Grous Puffins In Glins, Mount Goats, Huge Stoats, Big Bears Fleet Mares, Tall Fox, Large Ox, Rabbets, Tid bits, Partridge In ridge Of Snow Below, Reserve To ferve, If want Shou'd plant His Claws In Jaws Of Maugre Sailor. They land On Sand Tied Barge, They charge

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Straight Guni To Stun, And kill With Skill The brood Of Wood, And fweep The fleep Mountain, And plain; The Floods, Abodes, Where Herds Of Birds Not known To one Of Eaft, Or West, Build Neft, And reft: The Bogs, Where Fogs Thick croud, And Shroud In Cloud Bird kind, Moft Blind By Snow In Row, From lure Of Boor. Howe'er; Jars were So keen, No Skreen Of Fog, Or Bog, Of Flood,

Or Wood,

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Of Brake, Or Lake, Hid rill, High Hill, Cou'd cloke From Stroke Of Fate Destinate Their Birds, Or Herds, Powder. T.ouder Than Seas Gainst Bays Hot streams Of Flames Inspires With Spires Thro' Veins, And reins, Of all Great, fmall : Whilft lead First fled Thro' Pores With Force, And took From Nook Of heart, In fmart, The Soul, Of Fowl. And beaft In wafte. Stores had, Good, bad, Enough, Most rough, Tares run With Gun

In Hand To ftrand, With pack On back Of Meat To Eat, If Sea Delay Then there A Year ; Game paft At laft, Their Store They bore, To Shore, And left In cleft Of Rock Their Stock Which they Same Day Secur'd, Immur'd, By Deal, Huge tall, For fear Of Bear, White Crow Sure Foe, Deep Gulph Of Wolf. Or Raven From Haven: Then fweep The deep, And raise The Seas With keel, For Whale.

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Nine Score, Or more, Of Whales The Sails Did flay By Sea, Then thwart With heart Of Steel And keel Pointed Tointed Waves in The main, Their prey, Near bay Congeal'd Not fail'd For) 'till With Skill With flight Of Might And speed, They ride To Lce, Where they For Whale, Set Sail, And left, Bereft Of Land, The Strand Native, Plaintive. Whale-bone, Alone Daddies

Of Ladies Acclaim'd,

And nam'd,

A Charm, From harm To keep Afleep Their true Virtue : Alas! How false Is the Hoop'd way To fave From flave, Or Star, And Garter! A Maid, Betray'd By Youth's Untruths By Cloaths · With Staves Of Beaux, By Vice, Avarice, Or Luft · But Heart, Unjust! Pappas Of Laws This own'd Summon'd Unto The Clue Of Parliament, With joint Confent; Says one With Frown, And Grace In face, \* Padlock

Of Daddock

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Might guard In Ward The Fair From Snare Of Cully, Or Bully, As well, I tell, As Whale A Mind, Inclin'd To ill. WIII Swill The draught, Tho' fmart Succeed The Deed: 'Tis not Peticoat With Staves. That Saves Young Maids From Blades. But Heart, Apart From Gin

Of Sin.

T 24 ] Tis fo I know; For hoop Wislow No prop Became To Fame Of Maids In Masquerades, Or Shades, But Means Of Stains, (Yet mask To bask In Crime Sublime. Unfeen By Skreen, Tho' Womb Gave room And Tomb To Child Defil'd) To Shame. And blame, Of Maid Lilliputian, Dame.

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